

85th Legislative Session – 2010

Committee: Senate and House Government Operations and Audit

Monday, March 29, 2010

P - Present
E - Excused
A - Absent

Roll Call

P Bartling
P Gillespie
P Hunhoff (Jean)
P Haverly, Vice-Chair
P Tieszen, Chair
P Burg
P Dennert
P Turbiville
P Juhnke, Vice Chair
P Peters, Chair

OTHERS PRESENT: See Original Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Chair Tieszen.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE SENATE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 1, 2010.

Moved by: Haverly
Second by: Hunhoff (Jean)
Action: Prevailed by voice vote.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE HOUSE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 22, 2010.

Moved by: Juhnke
Second by: Dennert
Action: Prevailed by voice vote.

The Senate and the House Committees met jointly to hear testimony.

Mr. John Ellis, Juvenile Corrections Monitor for the Department of Human Services, offered the findings of his report for July 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009. (Handout #1)

MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES JUVENILE CORRECTIONS MONITOR SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT.

Moved by: Peters
Second by: Bartling
Action: Prevailed by roll call vote. (10-0-0-0)

Voting Yes: Bartling, Gillespie, Hunhoff (Jean), Haverly, Tieszen, Burg, Dennert, Turbiville, Juhnke, Peters

Doug Herrmann, Director of Juvenile Services for the Department of Corrections, explained the Private Facilities Report and answered questions. (Handout #2)

Senator Gillespie requested to have a narrative report rather than a chart report, citing that a narrative report gives more details about the incidents .

Senator Jean Hunhoff would like information on restraints so Senator Tieszen requested a general overview of restraints for the next meeting. Additional follow-up on the restraints covered in the current report should be elaborated on in the future report.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS PRIVATE FACILITIES REPORT.

Moved by: Peters
Second by: Hunhoff (Jean)
Action: Prevailed by roll call vote. (10-0-0-0)

Voting Yes: Bartling, Gillespie, Hunhoff (Jean), Haverly, Tieszen, Burg, Dennert, Turbiville, Juhnke, Peters

A discussion was held on future meeting dates and times. Senator Tieszen said meeting dates will coincided with Appropriations and Rules meetings and the calendar is subject to additional meetings.

A future meeting will be a video conference.

Senator Haverly cautioned that testimony can sway you in a video conference call.

Dates given were:

May 11, 2010 1:00 pm

June 9, 2010 10:00 am

August 24, 2010 10:00 am

September, 2010 Juvenile Facilities Site Tours*

October 4, 2010 10:00 am

*Juvenile Facilities Site Tours will be 1-2 committee members visiting sites within their hometown areas, according to Senator Tieszen. Representative Dennert said more facilities can be visited with members traveling less miles, but did prefer at least two committee members on the tours. The Department of Corrections will assign staff to accompany legislators on the visits.

MOTION: ADJOURN

Moved by: Gillespie
Second by: Haverly
Action: Prevailed by voice vote.

Linda Daugaard
Committee Secretary

Craig Tieszen, Chair